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PURIFYING EXHAUST GASES)
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METHOD THEREOF)

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 09-173866 is discussed at pages 2 and 4 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is enclosed.

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 09-220423 is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract is also enclosed.

3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 06-159037 is discussed at page 3 of the present specification. An English-language abstract is also enclosed.

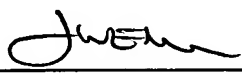
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09-173866	07/08/97	Japan			Abstract
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